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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending 31st December, 1959.



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the Up Holland Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report on the health of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1959, compiled in the abbreviated form indicated by the Ministry of Health.

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area : 4,686 acres.
Population (Census 1931) : 5,538.
 Estimated mid-1959 (Registrar General) : 6,700.
Total Number of houses (Census 1931) : 1,199.
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1959 according to Rate Book: 2,124.
Rateable Value: £44,907.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate : £178.

Up Holland is chiefly an agricultural area. Other industries include brickmaking, mining and factory.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births:	(Legitimate.	51	33	84
	(Illegitimate.	3	2	5
		<hr/> 54	<hr/> 35	<hr/> 89
Still Births:	(Legitimate.	3	Nil	3
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		<hr/> 3	<hr/> Nil	<hr/> 3
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:	(Legitimate.	Nil	1	1
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		<hr/> Nil	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 1
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:	(Legitimate.	Nil	1	1
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		<hr/> Nil	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 1
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age:	(Legitimate.	Nil	1	1
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		<hr/> Nil	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 1
		<hr/> <u>Male.</u>	<hr/> <u>Female.</u>	<hr/> <u>Total.</u>
DEATHS:		25	32	57

Birth-rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1959 ... 13.3
 Death-rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1959 ... 8.5

STATEMENT SHOWING COMPARATIVE STATISTICS IN RESPECT OF THE YEARS 1954 - 1959.

	Live Births.		Deaths (All causes)		Stillbirths.		Maternal Mortality.		Infant Mortality.						Perinatal Mortality.		
	No. Registered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. registered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. Registered.	Rate per 1,000 total Births.	No. of deaths registered.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	Under 1 year.		Under 4 weeks.		Early Neo-natal			No. of Deaths registered.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births.
									No. of Deaths Registered.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	No. of Deaths Registered.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	No. of Deaths Registered.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births.			
Year 1959	89	13.3	57	10.9	3	32.6	Nil	Nil	1	11.2	1	11.2	1	11.2	4	43.5	
Year 1958	107	16.1	87	16.7	4	36	1	9.01	3	28	3	28	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
" 1957	100	15.2	76	14.7	5	48	Nil	Nil	1	10	1	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
" 1956	115	17.9	59	11.6	3	25	Nil	Nil	3	26	2	17	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
" 1955	96	15.0	81	14.8	6	59	1	9.80	2	21	2	21	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
" 1954	96	15.0	59	10.8	3	30	Nil	Nil	3	31	1	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Average 5 years.	-	15.84	-	13.72	-	39.6	-	3.76	-	23.2	-	17.2	-	Nil	-	Nil	

Adjusted : Live Birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.00) = 13.3 per 1,000.
 : Death-rate (comparability factor, 1.28) = 10.9 per 1,000.

In the next table are shown the chief causes of Death and number of Deaths from each cause in 1959, and comparative figures for the year 1958:-

<u>Cause of Death.</u>	<u>No. of Deaths in 1958.</u>	<u>No. in 1959.</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	--	--
Tuberculosis, other.	--	--
Diphtheria.	--	--
Whooping Cough.	--	--
Meningococcal infections.	--	--
Acute Poliomyelities.	--	--
Measles.	--	--
Other infective and parasitic diseases.	1	--
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	3	--
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	1	1
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms.	3	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	--	--
Diabetes.	--	--
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	11	7
Coronary disease, angina.	20	11
Hypertension with heart disease.	3	1
Other heart disease.	18	12
Other circulatory disease.	1	2
Influenza.	2	--
Pneumonia.	2	5
Bronchitis.	5	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	--
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	--	2
Nephritis and nephrosis.	1	--
Hyperplasia of prostate.	--	--
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	1	--
Congenital malformations.	--	1
All other defined and ill-defined diseases.	8	3
Motor vehicle accidents.	1	2
All other accidents.	--	--
Suicide.	1	--
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	87	57
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2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Arrangements. Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Pathological Department of the Wigan Royal Infirmary and the Public Health laboratories at Preston. These arrangements are satisfactory. A report on every examination is made to the Public Health Department.

Ambulance Arrangements. Ambulance service in the district is provided by the Lancashire County Council. Vehicles are stationed at Billinge Ambulance Station, and highly satisfactory service is being provided.

National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951. No action under Section 47 of these Acts was taken during the year 1959 by the Authority.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. The water supply is obtained from two Deep wells in the district, situated at Roby Mill and Tontine.

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During the drought great difficulty was experienced in continuing the supply of water from the Roby Mill Pumping Station, and consequently water had to be rationed during the month of October and part of November. Water had also to be purchased in bulk from an adjoining source, and weekly bacteriological tests were taken and forwarded to the Minister of Housing and Local Government. All these tests appeared to be Class I - satisfactory.

During the year a new high pressure filtration and chemical dosage plant was installed at the Roby Mill Pumping Station, and the water is treated before filtration by the addition of chlorine and sulphate of alumina, and after filtration by the addition of Soda Ash. This scheme, together with the improvements that have been carried out to the mains in the district, is proving most beneficial.

43 samples of water were sent for bacteriological examination during the year, and the results proved that 42 samples were satisfactory and 1 sample unsatisfactory. Also 8 samples of water were sent for chemical analysis - all satisfactory.

Regular chlorination of the water supply is carried out.

2,106 houses in the district have a piped supply of water from the main, and 6 houses obtain their supply from wells.

Drainage and Sewerage. There are, at the present time, six small sewage disposal works in the district situated at Roby Mill, Crawford, Digmoor, Tawd Bridge, Holland Moor and Dams Head. The Dams Head works is the one in the most satisfactory condition, and schemes are being prepared to improve the conditions at Holland Moor, Tawd Bridge and Digmoor; and also with regard to the sewerage of the Chequer Lane, Pimbo Lane and Appley Bridge areas.

Sanitary Accommodation (at end of 1959).

Number of Privy Middens	...	...	...	55
Number of Closets attached to these middens	...	...	...	114
Number of pail closets	...	...	...	32
Number of dry ashpits (excluding middens)	...	...	...	180
Number of moveable ashbins	...	...	...	1709
Number of fresh water closets	...	...	...	2119
Number of houses on water carriage system	...	...	...	1864

Under the General conversion scheme, the local authority pays a contribution of £12. towards the cost of a conversion, or bears half the cost if the total cost is less than this amount. 1 conversion was made in 1959.

Public Cleansing. Street scavenging and removal of house refuse are carried out by the Local Authority.

Privy middens and ashbins are emptied regularly and the Council's own refuse collection vehicle is engaged in the removal of refuse to controlled tips.

There is no destructor in the district.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Number of premises visited	...	...	...	148
Number of nuisances discovered	...	...	...	18
Number of nuisances abated	...	...	...	9
Number of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	11
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	2
Number of Legal Proceedings	...	...	...	--
Results of Legal Proceedings	...	...	...	--

Shops and Offices. No inspections were carried out during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950.

Camping Sites. There are none in the district.

Clean Air Act, 1956. Negotiations are now proceeding with the owners of the Ravenhead Brick Co. Ltd., Pimbo Lane Brick & Tile Co. Ltd., and the Grove Laundry Ltd., to improve the emission of smoke from their premises, and the negotiations at the present time are proceeding satisfactorily.

Swimming Baths and Pools. There are none in the district.

Disinfestation of Verminous Premises. No houses were found to be infested during the year.

Insecticides are distributed free where considered necessary by the Local Authority.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

1. No. of rodent operatives employed - (a) Full Time - Nil.
- (b) Part time - 1.
2. Action relating to rodent control during year ended 31st December, 1959:

	Non-agricultural		Agricul- tural.
	Dwelling Houses	All Other	
(a) No. of properties in district	2089	64	60
(b) No. of properties inspected	143	64	60
(c) Total inspections carried out (including re-inspections)	195	64	120
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - major	Nil	Nil	Nil
- minor	8	10	Nil
Mice - major	12	Nil	Nil
- minor	48	Nil	Nil
(e) No. of infested properties treated	68	10	Nil
(f) Total treatments carried out (including re-treatments)	186	10	Nil
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	Nil	Nil	Nil

(h) Any other action - Inspected and treated two refuse tips, six times during the year, and inspected and treated five sewage works four times during the year.

3. Particulars of other infestations under the Act (Sect. 28) - Nil.

Schools.

Total number of schools in the district	...	...	8
Number of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces			Nil
Number of schools with fresh water closets	...	...	8
Number of schools with dust-bins	...	...	8
Number of schools supplied with water from mains	...	...	8
Number of schools with drainage to public sewers	...	...	7

The facilities for handling meals at the schools are considered satisfactory.

Factories Act, 1937 to 1959.

1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	6	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total:	6	6	-	-

2 - Cases in which defects were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1):	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3):	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4):	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6):	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient:	1	Will be remedied when new sewer is laid.			
(b) Unsuitable or defective:	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes:	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work):	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-

4. HOUSING.

Plans are now being prepared for the last slum clearance phase on the Highgate Estate comprising of 73 dwellings, and it is hoped in this programme to allocate a small portion of land for the construction of Aged Persons Dwellings. The scheme for the erection of 10 Aged Persons Dwellings in the Hall Green area was commenced, together with work on an additional 5 houses in the Council's slum clearance programme.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of new houses erected during the year -
Traditional permanent houses -

	Houses	Flats
(i) By Local Authority	18	Nil
(ii) By other Local Authorities	Nil	Nil
(iii) By other bodies or persons	64	Nil

1. Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	80
(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose	94
(2) Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
(a) No. found during year	11
(b) Total No. (or estimated No.) existing at end of year	249
(3) No. of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	11

2. Houses Demolished:-

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas:			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas:			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1), Housing Act, 1957	20	60	20
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-

Number	Displaced during year	
	Persons	Families
(1) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957 ...	1	-
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ...	-	-
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 .	-	-

4. Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority ...	7	-
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts	2	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-

	No. of houses (1)	No. of Separate dwellings contained in Column (1). (2)
Position at end of year:		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation -		
(a) Under Section 48 ...	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2) ...	-	-
(c) Under Section 46 ...	-	-
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53 ...	-	-

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

	No. of Houses (1)	No. of occupants of houses in column (1). (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year ...	-	-

7. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.:-

Action during year:

- (a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority
- (b) Approved by local authority
- (c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry
- (d) Finally approved by Ministry
- (e) Work completed
- (f) Additional separate dwellings inc. in (e)
- (g) Any other action taken under the Acts

Private bodies or individuals	
No. of Schemes	No. of dwell- ing houses or other build- ings affected.
6	6
6	6
-	-
-	-
4	4
1	
None	

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants:-

Action during year:

- (a) Submitted to local authority
- (b) Approved by local authority
- (c) Work completed
- (d) Remarks - Nil.

No. of Schemes	No. of dwell- ing houses or other build- ings affected
4	4
3	3
-	-

5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supply. Four samples of milk have been taken during the year and all proved satisfactory.
2. Meat. There is one private slaughterhouse in the district. Twelve pigs were killed and carcasses inspected during the year. All carcasses were satisfactory.
3. Food Poisoning. No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.
4. Ice Cream. There is one Ice Cream manufacturer in the district. The premises have been inspected regularly and found to be satisfactory. Licences are issued for the sale of wrapped ice-cream on application being approved and premises found to be satisfactory on inspection. 4 samples of ice cream were taken during the year - all being Grade 1.
5. Byelaws. The number of food premises, by type of business, in the district at the end of the year were:-

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	...	...	31
Green Grocers and Fruiterers	...	...	2
Meat Shops	...	...	3
Bakers and/or Confectioners	..	...	4
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	2
Licensed Premises	...	...	22

The number of food premises, by type, registered under S. 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts, were:-

Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	1
Preserved Meats	...	...	...	...	4

During the year, special examinations of food stocks or consignments were carried out and the following were condemned:-

Tinned Casserole steak	42 lbs.
Tinned Ham	13 lbs. 3 ozs.
Jellied Veal	1 lb.

The method of disposal of all condemned food was by depositing on the Local Authority's Refuse tip.

6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During 1959, cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospital treatment were removed to Whelley Hospital and Astley Sanatorium.

No cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

158 cases of Measles were notified during the year, and 22 cases of Whooping Cough of a mild type.

Free immunisation against Diphtheria and other diseases is provided for any pre-school or school child. The following table shows the number of children resident in Up Holland who were immunised and vaccinated during 1959:-

<u>Type</u>	<u>Pre-School Children</u>	<u>School Children</u>
Triple Antigen (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus).	77	17
Diphtheria Re-inforcing Injections.	6	163
Poliomyelitis: Primary.	117	225
Re-inforcing.	187	617
Smallpox Vaccinations.	57	4

Disinfection. Disinfection of premises is carried out by the local authority. Dwelling houses are dealt with on removal of cases to Hospital or release from isolation or infectious cases.

During 1959 - No houses were disinfected.

When required, houses are disinfected by the method of Formaldehyde fumigators.

TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1959.

Diseases	Total cases all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 and over	Total Deaths	Total cases removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital.
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	158	2	19	22	9	24	80	1	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	22	-	2	2	2	-	15	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery.	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Non-paralytic.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over							
Acute Pneumonia.	8	3	-	2	-	3					-	3	-
Erysipelas.	3	-	-	-	-	3					-	-	-
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-	-
Encephalitis (Post Infectious).	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS. This service is under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, and the Up Holland cases attend the Chest Clinic, Millgate, Wigan.

One new case of Tuberculosis was notified during 1959, this being a case of Respiratory Tuberculosis. No Deaths from Tuberculosis were registered during the year.

The following Table shows the new case of Tuberculosis in age group:-

Age Periods.	New Cases.			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	-	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-
35-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	1	-	-
75 & upwards-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	-

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

G. H. POTTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

